CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

Proceedings of the meeting of the Local Fund Board of the Chitaldrug District held on 28th and 29th January 1895.

Present.

C. Srinivasaiengar, Esq., Deputy Commissioner and President.

Official Members.	*Non-Official Members.*
1. Mr. K. Prahalada Rao, Offg. Executive Engineer.	1. Mr. K. Ramanna of Chitaldroog.
2. „ H. Ramanujaiengar General Asst. Comr.	2. „ P. Subbanna of Challakere.
3. „ W. Srinivasaiengar, Asst. Surgeon.	3. „ Patel Kariyanna of Hiriyur.
4. „ C. Shamaiengar, Amildar of Hiriyur.	4. „ Patel Siddaramaiya of Holalkere.
5. „ C. D. Rameswamaiya, Amildar of Chitaldroog.	5. „ Aswathappa of Jagalur.
6. „ M. Krishna Rao, Amildar of Holalkere	*Absent.*
7. „ C. Narasinga Rao, Amildar of Jagalur.	
8. „ J. Srinivasa Rao, Amildar of Challakere.	6. Mr. Gadige Sannavirappa of Molakalmuru.
9. „ G. R. Srinivasaiengar, Amildar of Davangere.	7. „ Swamirayachar of Davangere.
10. „ S. Krishna Iyer, Amildar of Molakalmuru.	

Note.—Venkataramaiya Deputy Amildar of Hosadruga was also present.

I. Read the Budget Estimate of Receipts under District Funds for the year 1895-96.

(1) The estimate for 1895-96 under one anna cess on Land Revenue has been calculated with reference to the Jamabandi of 1893-94 while the details of assets upon which such calculation has been made are given in enclosure A.

(2) The receipts under all other items are based upon the actuals for 1893-94 and call for no special remarks.

(3) Thus the total estimated receipts for the year 1895-96 under all heads amount to Rs 41,030 against Rs. 38,750 estimated for 1894-95.

The Board resolve that the estimate be passed.

II. (1) The opening balance at the credit of the Board is estimated at Rs. as shown hereunder .. .. Rs. 10,254

Balance on 1st July 1894 as intimated by the Comptroller in his No. 555—L. F. dated 17th September 1894	31,412	
Estimated Receipts for 1894-95	38,750	
Total ..	70,162	
Expenditure under all heads	59,032	
Estimated balance as per Proceedings of Government No. 7152-4—L. F. 234-93, dated 8th November 1894	11,130	
Excess expenditure under C. V. Sweepers, &c., for Travellers' Bungalows and Musafarkhanas as proposed by the Deputy Commissioner in his No. 555—485, dated 22nd January 1895	876	
Estimated balance on 1st July 1895	10,254	
(2) Thus the amount available for expenditure during 1895-96 would be Rupees..	51,284	

III. Read the estimate of expenditure proposed by the Executive Engineer on account of Public Works, both "original" and "repairs" to be executed by Public Works Department during 1895-96. Resolved that the same be approved with the following observations.

ORIGINAL.

(1) The improvement of the Challakere-Pavagada road has been omitted from this estimate as it is expected to be completed by the end of the year 1894-95 out of the allotments already sanctioned and of the additional appropriation applied for in this office No. 587—515, dated 7th February 1895.

(2) The fair weather road from Naikanhatti to Jagalur will also be completed before the end of the year 1894-95. No further funds being required, this work has been dropped from the estimate for 1895-96.

(3) Including the additional grant of Rs. 1,000 asked for in this office No. 587—515, dated 7th February 1895, a sum of Rs. 2,069 will have been spent on the new road from Anaji to Davangere before the close of the year 1894-95. However desirable it may be to complete this work at an early date the Board find it difficult to provide at once all the allotment required for such completion. Hence the small grant of Rs. 1,500 now proposed.

(4) For improving the Davangere-Hadadi road the amount sanctioned in the Budget for 1894-95 was Rs. 1,500. But as only Rs. 500 are expected to be worked out before the end of the year, the balance of Rs. 1,000 has been resigned as will be seen from the appropriation statement submitted to Government with the Deputy Commissioner's No. 587—515, dated 7th February 1895.

A further allotment of Rs. 500 on account of this work has therefore been entered in the Budget estimate for 1895-96. As it would be difficult to find further funds, it is hoped that this road will be made fairly trafficable throughout with the special allotments above mentioned supplemented by the annual maintenance grant.

(5) Portions of the Vizapur-Ujjane road run through black cotton soil and are in a condition the reverse of satisfactory. The Government having reduced the amount of "revenue" proposed in the Budget Estimate for 1894-95; no improvements to this road could be undertaken during the year. Hence the special provision of Rs. 1,000 now made.

(6) The Hangal-Rayadrug road is also badly in want of the special work in several places. This could not be done with the annual maintenance grant. A sum of Rs. 500 has therefore now been provided on account of such special improvements as are urgently needed.

(7) For want of funds no special provision for bridges and tunnels has now been made similar to that sanctioned for 1894-95. The Board are of opinion that all such tunnels as may be necessary should gradually be built from savings to be effected from the annual mileage grant sanctioned for the several District Fund roads concerned. The Executive Engineer has already begun to carry out this suggestion.

REPAIRS.

(1) The Chitaldroog-Benkipur road has been omitted from this estimate and the Chitaldroog-Challakere road entered in its stead (*vide* Public Works Proceedings No. 4779-807—868-96, dated 17th September 1894. The road thus newly transferred to the District Fund Board is a very important one over which strings of carts laden with supari, &c., from the Malnad, pass throughout the year. The Executive Engineer asks for an increase of Rs. 20 to the present allotment of Rs. 100 per mile. But the Board regrets its inability to comply with this request. A representation will be made to Government for a re-consideration of the order transferring the maintenance of this road to District Fund. In the meantime the allotment will continue as heretofore.

(2) The Hiriyur-Huliyar road (road No. 3) has nearly all been metalled out of savings from the maintenance allotment of past years. It has likewise been tunnelled throughout. Its future maintenance is not therefore likely to cost such a large sum as Rs. 80 per mile. In consultation with the Executive Engineer that rate has now been reduced to Rs. 60 which seems sufficient to enable the Public Works Department to maintain the road in a fairly good condition.

(3) The Hiriyur-Hosadurga road is a long and costly one. It is not sufficiently important to justify so much as Rs. 50 per mile being annually spent upon its maintenance nor is the Board in a position to continue this unnecessarily large grant which therefore has now been reduced to Rs. 40.

(4) A similar proposal for reducing the allotment for the Holalkere-Huliyar road was brought under the consideration of the Board. While admitting that the preservation of this road in a state of repair need not cost the Board such a large sum as Rs. 80 per mile, the Executive Engineer is of opinion that the continuance of this liberal grant for a few years more would enable him to provide it with tunnels of small dimensions wherever required. The Board concures with him and resolves that for the present the rate should be left undisturbed.

(5) The Challakere-Pavagada road and Naikanhatti-Jogalur road which are expected to be completely opened out by the end of the year 1894-95 have now been newly brought upon the list of roads to be maintained. The annual grant proposed for this purpose is Rs. 30 per mile.

RESERVE.

(1) The repairs of 3rd Class Travellers' Bungalows having recently been transferred to the District Fund Board and a small extension of the Chitaldroog Station roads outside Municipal limits having also to be undertaken, a sum of Rs. 1,000 has been entered under "Reserve" to meet these and other unforeseen expenses.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

(1) The outlay on works to be executed by the Public Works Department having been reduced by about a third, a corresponding reduction has been made in the establishment charges.

IV. Read the list of works proposed to be executed by the Revenue Department.

Resolved that a provision of Rs. 4,680 be made as particularized below:—

		Rs.
I.	Original	1,870
II.	Repairs	2,060
III.	Establishment	200
IV.	Tools and plant	50
V.	Reserve	500
	Total ..	4,680

The works for which funds are thus provided are only a small portion of the long list of important works pressed upon the attention of the Board. The remaining works must stand over until funds become available.

V. Read the estimate of Civil Charges debitable to District Funds during the year 1895-96. Resolved that the same be passed with the following observations :—

(1) The small increase provided under "Office Establishment" is intended to meet the increase of pay sanctioned to the Local Fund Clerk last year (*vide* Proceedings of Government No. 14850-1—L. F. 111-92, dated 8th March 1894) as well as to meet the travelling allowances of himself and of the Statistical Clerk, which may probably show a slight rise.

(2) Under "Hospitals and Dispensaries" the increase provided represents partly the price of furniture to be purchased and chiefly the District Fund quota of the charges incidental to the opening of a Female Dispensary at Chitaldrug and a Local Fund Dispensary at Malebennur as sanctioned by Government in Proceedings Nos. 3983-6—L. F. 19-94 and 7558-61—L. F. 159-92, dated 7th September 1894 and 14th November 1894, respectively.

(3) Under "Midwives" the decrease proposed is due to the fact that the full complement intended for the District is not likely to become available for service during the year.

(4) The slight increase proposed under "Sweepers and Caretakers" is intended to give effect to the orders of Government conveyed in Proceedings Nos. 7459-61—L. F. 76-94 and 3619-20—L. F. 431-92, dated 13th November 1894 and 1st September 1894, respectively. It may be remarked that there is only one rest house at Kottige attached to Narayangondanahalli village and not 2 distinct and separate rest houses, one at Narayangondanahalli and the other at Kottige as mentioned in the list appended to the first of the proceedings quoted above. Rs. 24 have therefore been deducted while Rs. 36 have been added on as per sanction conveyed in the second of the above proceedings.

(5) Under "Conservancy and Sanitary charges" a considerable reduction has had to be made owing to the inadequacy of funds.

(6) Under "Contribution," a provision of Rs. 2,000 has been made for the construction of a "Town Hall" at Chitaldrug. The want of a suitable building at the Head-quarters of the District for use on occasions of public meetings, &c., has long been felt. Steps are now being taken by the people of the District to raise a memorial for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of His Late Highness Sri Chamarajendra Wadayar Bahadur, G. C. S. I. A Town Hall with a Students' Home and Industrial school attached, has been decided upon as being the fittest memorial. These are institutions of public interest and usefulness and may fairly claim the substantial sympathy of the Local Fund Board. The construction of a Town Hall from District Funds was sanctioned last year for the Kolar District (*vide* Proceedings of Government Nos. 15233-4—L. F. 110-92 and 21682-6—L. F. 227-93, dated 14th March 1894 and 13th June 1894, respectively). In the case of Chitaldrug, what is proposed to be erected is not a Town Hall alone, but also two other useful buildings in conjunction with it. The grant proposed is but a small fraction of the total cost of such project which may amount to more than Rs. 15,000. It is the unanimous opinion of all the members of the Board that the Government should be moved to kindly sanction this small contribution from District Funds.

(7) The other items involve only slight variations and do not therefore seem to call for any special remarks.

VI. Under all heads put together, the total expenditure proposed is Rs. 41,034, leaving at the close of the year a balance of Rs. 10,250 which is slightly in excess of the main balance of 25 per cent generally insisted upon by Government.

VII. Resolved that an application be made to Government for permission to levy tolls on the following District Fund roads, so as to enable the Board to augment its resources somewhat and to meet the many pressing demands which at present it finds itself unable to meet :—

(1) Hangal-Roydroog road.
(2) Vizapur-Ujjane road.
(3) Haribar-Harapanhalli road.

Note.—It is understood that the Deputy Commissioner intends making a similar recommendation as regards the Salem-Bellary road which is maintained from Provincial Funds.

VIII. Mr. Swamirayachar who represents both the Davangere Taluk and the Inamdars' interest in the whole District has again failed to attend. Not only has he thus absented from 4 consecutive meetings of the Board but he has also failed to submit the explanation already called for. His removal from the Board will be recommended to Government and early steps will be taken to nominate a proper successor and to submit his name for sanction.

C. SRINIVASAIENGAR, *Dy. Comr. and President, Local Fund Board.*